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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 1885.

三拜禮

號四月一十英香港

[PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
November 2, CRUSADER, British steamer, 647, Rowin, Haiphong 31st October, General—A. E. MARTY.
November 3, DOUGLAS, British steamer, 982, M. Young, Pechang 31st October, Amoy 1st November, and Swatow 2nd, General—DOUGLAS LAFRAIE & Co.
November 3, CHINA, German steamer, 648, Uderup, Newchwang 27th October, Beant—MELCHERS & Co.
November 3, BILLY SIMPSON, British bark, 432, Brown, from Whampoa, Ballant—CAPTAIN.
November 3, PENG-CHAO-HAI, Chinese guboot, from a cruise.
November 3, FELIX, Russian bark, 871, G. Wahlberg, Singapore 18th Sept., Timber—CAPTAIN.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
2nd NOVEMBER.
Loras, British str., for Saigon.
City of Peking, Am. str., for Yokohama.
Nassau, German str., for Yokohama.
Vancouver, German str., for Sandakan.
Wah Young, British str., for Hoikow.
Bathwell, British str., for Shanghai.
Hilda, Swedish bark, for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

November 3, ROYAL SOVEREIGN, British ship, for Calcutta.
November 3, HAIPHONG, British steamer, for Swatow.
November 3, KUTSUNG, British str., for Whampoa.
November 3, OXUS, French str., for Europe.
November 3, QUANTA, German str., for Swatow.
November 3, JOHN KNOX, British str., for Foochow.
November 3, ARNINGTON, British steamer, for Shanghai.
November 3, CITY OF PEKING, Am. str., for San Francisco.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Por Crusader, str. from Haiphong—Mr. Flossenberg and 4 Chinese.
Por Zoungzi, str. from Haiphong—Rev. G. H. Bonfield, Mr. Alfred, 3 Europeans, and 181 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

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REPORTS.

The British steamer Crusader reports left Haiphong on the 31st October, and had light winds and fine weather.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

October.
Kiang-fo, Chinese str., from Ningpo.
Fooling, British str., from Amoy.
20th, British str., from Amoy.
21st, British str., from Amoy.
22nd, British str., from Amoy.
23rd, British str., from Amoy.
24th, British str., from Amoy.
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27th, British str., from Amoy.
28th, British str., from Amoy.
29th, British str., from Amoy.
30th, British str., from Amoy.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY AGENCY.
The undersigned having returned from Japan, has resumed charge of the TAKASIMA COLLIERY AGENCY.
H. J. H. TRIPP.
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1885.

THE HONGKONG PHARMACY.

MR. WILLIAM SISON HUNTER.
Late of the Victoria Dispensary, has this day been admitted a Partner in our firm.
WOODFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1885.

NOTICE.

The undersigned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of H. EXCELLENCE the Viceroy of CHINA.

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ANGLO-CHINESE DESK
CALENDAR
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INTIMATIONS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co's
NEW STOCK greatly surpasses that of any previous year. This Season's parcel includes some of the most artistic production of England and America, and for beauty and delicacy of finish, cannot be equalled.

A small assortment of the above, in very choice and unique designs, specially painted to order of LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

KELLY AND WALSH, LIMITED.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS in the CHOICEST AMERICAN & ENGLISH DESIGNS. New Season's Fans in the most fashionable style.

New Stock of Rogers' Pocket Knives, Nail Scissors, Folding Cutlery, &c.

Forbes' Deconster Butter-Scotch. Household's Every Day's Annual, 1885. Best of the Year's Annual, 1885.

Kyle's Collection of Scottish Lyric Gems. Address to Queen's Regulations. Sentinal Suggestions by Sampson Low.

Wade's First Book of Colloquial Series with Key, complete, \$7.50.

Pollock's Modern Shipbuilding. Field Exercises—Last Edition. Letter Writer of Modern Society.

White Developments by Cavendish. Proctor's How to play Whist. Cavendish on Whist.

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THE HARDEN "STAR" HAND GRENADE FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

The undersigned, having just arrived, is prepared to fill all Orders for the above GRENADE. It is the lightest, simplest, and best known.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN THE WORLD. having been used in England and America with the greatest success for the past year, and having extinguished over 800 actual fires, thereby saving millions of dollars worth of property.

These GRENADES are sold at \$16.00 per case of one dozen each, and no Grenades sold less than dozen Lots.

Send all orders to **E. CLARK, Hongkong Hotel.**
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1885.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CUSTOMERS, the Productions of the "CHINA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED," will be obtained by REFERRAL FOR CASH at No. 3, Peel Street, at the same Prices as at the Registry, or Retail Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applicants forwarding their monthly requirements in writing direct to the Registry at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd July, 1885.

T. ALGAR & COMPANY, HOUSE AND ESTATE AGENTS, 8, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

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BANKS.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.
PAID UP, \$500,000.

Registered Office, 40, THEBENEDICTINE STREET, LONDON.
BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives money on Deposit, Days and Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PAID UP ADVANTAGE.
H. A. HERBERT, Manager, Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, 6th July, 1885.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$4,000,000.
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS, \$500,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-PRIO, \$7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSOON.
Deputy Chairman—Mr. J. SASSOON.
Messrs. H. J. SASSOON, W. H. FORBES, W. C. BOWEN, A. P. KATZ, H. W. KATZ.

CHIEF MANAGERS:
Hongkong—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 percent per Annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months 3 percent per Annum.
For 6 months 4 percent per Annum.
For 12 months 5 percent per Annum.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

NOTICE.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th August, 1885.

THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.
1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, at their principal office in Hongkong.
2.—Savings less than \$100, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No deposit will be made more than \$500 in any one year.
3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, at their principal office in Hongkong, at a fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 percent per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 percent per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.
5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to the Bank to be filled up by the Bankers.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank may be sent to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, at their principal office in Hongkong, or to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, at their principal office in Hongkong, or to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, at their principal office in Hongkong.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premium for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of Profit for that year to be paid as Bonus to Contributors may be correctly ascertained. The List should be sent to the Office of the Company, on or before the 31st day of January, 1885, and no subsequent claims or alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,
JAS. B. COUGHTREE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1885.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SIR HARRY SMITH PARKES, Knight Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE, lately Her Britannic Majesty's Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of China, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS against the Estate of the said Sir HARRY SMITH PARKES, who died on the 22nd day of March 1885, and Letters of Administration to whose Estate were granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, to the undersigned, one of the Executors named in the Will of the Deceased, are hereby required to send in writing to the undersigned, on or before the 31st day of October, 1885, the full Particulars of their Claims or Demands.

And Notice is hereby also given that as soon as possible after the expiration of the period above mentioned, the undersigned will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Sir HARRY SMITH PARKES, Deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims of which they shall have had Notice and any part thereof distributed to any Person or Persons of whose Claim or Claims he shall not have had Notice at the time of the distribution.

All Persons INDEBTED to the Estate are requested to make immediate Payment to the undersigned.
In witness whereof, the 18th day of July, 1885.
W. KESWICK.

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The Handiest, and most complete CALENDAR in the market, for 1886 on Back.

For Sale by **Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,** Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Limited, Mr. W. BREWER.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1885.

THE BORNIO CO., LIMITED.
AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks against FIRE and LIFE at current rates.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, none of the Company's Foremen should be at hand, orders for repairs if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, 29th August, 1885.

A FONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.
STUDIO, ICE HOUSE LANE, BEHIND NEW ORIENTAL BANK, Hongkong.

Has a LARGE STOCK of more COMPLETE PHOTOGRAPHS than any other in the Empire, the Copies of which are only to be purchased at his Studio or Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S Store.

Every Minute's Superior Travelling and High Finish painted under careful Supervision.

INSTANTANEOUS VIEWS, GROUPS and Portraits of different sizes taken daily.

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Have on hand supplies of the best COAL for HOUSES, STEAMERS, & SHIPS at MODERATE RATES.

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CANNED FRUITS.
VEGETABLES AND SALMON. CALIFORNIA FLOUR AND MEALS. IRON MANTLE PIECES. HEADSTONES AND MONUMENTS. RICE AND RICE COLES. AMERICAN BILLIARD POOL TABLES. AMERICAN CARRIAGES & BUGGIES. BORAX REFINED & POWDERED. ELECTRIC FAMILY SOAP. A HINZ, Agent.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.
OF LONDON, BOHEMIA, CALIFORNIA, BOHEMIA, MADRAS, LAHORE, KURACH, &c.

Their Representatives in China—Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong & Shanghai.

Call attention to some of the items consigned to their care by this well-known house—CLARETS, Montrose, Larose, St. Julien, &c. in Quarts & Pints.

SHERRY, Selected White Seal and Amorous. MANZANILLA.

These Sherries are also shipped in Jars. INVALIDS PORT WINE—recommended. SCOTCH WHISKY, free from fuel oil. IRISH WHISKY—the best.

GENUINE COGNAC of several qualities distinguished by number of stars.

Prices and List of other items on application to either of the above Firms.

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DRURY ST. 163, CLOTH \$2.00.
EVENTS IN HONGKONG AND THE INDEX, by which the date of any event can be found at a glance.

Forms a complete register of POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL and SOCIAL OCCURRENCES, WARRIORS, SHIPPING CALENDAR, FIRES, TYPHOONS, &c.

DAILY Press Office, Wyndham Street. DAILY & WALSH, Queen's Road. W. BREWER, Queen's Road.

GEORGE GOULET CHAMPAGNE.
FUSTAU & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1884.

NOTICE.
THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Is prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at 1/2, net per Annum, and other RISKS at 3/4, net per Annum, and other RISKS at 3/4, net per Annum.

Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks against FIRE at current rates.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
ESTABLISHED 1825.

Accumulated Funds 31st Dec., 1884, £2,646,327. Annual Revenue, £2,838,284. Substantial Assurances, £2,047,463.

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INSURANCES.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of \$50,000 on any one FIRST-CLASS RISK.

RATES ON FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS REDUCED TO 1 PER CENT. NET PER ANNUM FROM THIS DATE.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1885.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1882.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF 1877.
IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at Current Rates.

PUSTAU & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1884.

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—SINGAPORE.

We are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE on usual Terms at Current Rates. ALL CONTRIBUTORS of Business whether Shareholders or not are entitled to Share in the Bonus.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, July, 1885.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—MARINE DEPARTMENT. Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

LIFE DEPARTMENT. Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000, at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNOLD, KAREERG & Co.
Hongkong, 5th November, 1883.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
The Undersigned are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICIES on FIRE at the Reduced Rates of \$50,000 on First-class Risks.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS.
SUN FIRE OFFICE.

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
LIFE ASSURANCE ONLY. Purely mutual; all profits belong to Policyholders and apportionments are made annually.

STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1884.
Accumulated Funds, \$21,127,860. Surplus over all liabilities, \$2,036,352. Income for year ending 31st Dec., \$2,846,245.

C. STON LINDSAY, Genl. Manager, Department of the East.

BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

CALEDONIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
ESTABLISHED 1805.

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against FIRE on the usual terms.

ARNOLD, KAREERG & Co.
Hongkong, January, 1885.

THE PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.
THE POLICIES of the Company impose no restriction upon Residence or Travel. Lower Rates and BETTER RETURNS offered than by any other Life Insurance Company represented in this Colony.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

"CASTLE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S. S. "BOTHWELL CASTLE."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the undersigned, at Whampoa, behind the premises known as No. 3, "The Buildings" whence and/or from the wharves or boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TOMORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 1st Prox. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 7th November, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 31st October, 1885.

STEAMSHIP "PEIHO."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, Antwerp, and other Ports, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the undersigned, at Whampoa, behind the premises known as No. 3, "The Buildings" whence and/or from the wharves or boats delivery may be obtained.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

"ARRATON APOAR."
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Cargo imported discharge will be at one landed and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all Claims must be made on or before the 15th November, and will be satisfied after the 15th November.

DAVID SASSOON, SOHNS & Co

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Ezenaua*, with the northward English mail, left Singapore at 4 p.m. on the 30th October, and is due here on the morning of the 4th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Oceanic*, with the north American mail, left San Francisco on the 17th October, and is due here on about the 12th November.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Catharine* left Singapore on the 18th, and is due here on or about the 4th instant.

The Glyn Line steamer *Glennalloch* left Singapore on the 29th October, and is due here on the 4th November.

The Union Line steamer *Gulf of Papua* left Singapore on the 1st, and is due here on the 7th instant.

The Shire Line steamer *Dunburghshire* left Singapore on the 3rd, and may be looked for here on or about the 10th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

When Correspondence has been mis-sent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Sent to —, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it.

without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster-General. This should be noted on the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives

The Postal Guide for 1885, revised to date will be found in the *Daily Press* Directory, p. 223 large edition. p. 657 small edition. This

is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

 The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published

twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.
For Yokohama and Hiogo.—Per *Masania*,

For Straits Settlements.—Per *Laju*, to-day, the 4th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.—Per *Guthrie*, to-day, the 4th inst. at 4.00 p.m.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Douglas*, to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 5.00 p.m.
For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Bangalore*, on Friday, the 6th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet *Sigalion* will be despatched on **TUESDAY**, the 17th instant, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Naples; to Saigon

Strait Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Jewellery, &c., and where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of

such letters,

**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT
MAILS.**

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing

The following roads are covered in London, Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—
Day of Departure.
NOON.—Money Order Office closes.
2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Post-
ing of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters
3.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee
of 10 cents until
3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board

the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
Day before Departure.

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.
Day of Departure.
7 A.M. Post Office opens.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to

post the letters in the ordinary way, marked with the name of the ship, and prepaid 10 cents per half ounce as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is suggested that the letters be posted if possible

1.—Money orders are issued at Hongkong

and Shanghai on the following countries and places :—

Amoy.	• Lagos.
• Azores Is.	• Madeira.
• Belgium.	• Mauritania.
• Bermuda.	• Natal.

- Canada.
- Canton.
- Cape Colony.
- Ceylon.
- (Constantinople).
- Cyprus.
- Newfoundland.
- Nor'h Borneo.
- New South Wales.
- Ningpo.
- Norway.
- Port Darwin.

- Denmark.
- Egypt.
- Falkland Is.
- Foochow.
- Gambia.
- Germany.
- (Hawai Islands).
- Portugal.
- Queensland.
- S. Helena.
- Seychelles.
- Shanghai.
- Sierra Leone.
- South Australia.

- Gold Coast.
- Hankow.
- Hawaii.
- Holhow.
- Holland.
- Honduras (Br.)
- Dutch East-Indies.
- Straits Settlements.
- Swatow.
- Sweden.
- Switzerland.
- Tasmannia.
- United Kingdom.

• Hongkong.
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 • Italy.
 • Japan.
 • United States.
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 • West Indies (British,
 Danish, and Dutch).
 2.—Orders on the countries marked * are for—

warded through the London Post Office, and are paid less a small discount of about 2d. in the £1, for which the remitter should allow. All such orders must be expressed in British currency.

3.—The commission charged is as follows (ac-

Up to £ 2, or \$10, or 20 Rupees	0.20 cents.
„ £ 5, or \$25, or 50 Rupees	0.40 cents.
„ £ 7, or \$35, or 70 Rupees	0.60 cents.
„ £10, or \$50, or 100 Rupees	0.80 cents.
„ „ „ „ 150 Rupees	\$1.00.

4.—No orders must exceed £10 or \$50 (unless drawn in India, when 150 rupees is the limit) nor will more than two such orders be issued to the same person, in favour of the same payee by the same mail.

For sums not exceeding £5 are granted by means of Postal Notes, as to which see separate notices of the Hongkong Postal Guide.

6.—Sums not exceeding \$50 may be remitted between the ports of China by means of Postage

stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent. for
cashing them; or money orders can be granted
at Hongkong or Shanghai on ports where there
are Agencies of the Hongkong Post Office.
General Post Office

† Small remittances can be made to these places by means of Postal Notes. See separate notice or the Postal Guide.

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EXTRACT.

JOHN NEEDHAM'S DOUBLE.

A STORY FOUNDED ON FACT.

[BY JOSEPH HATTON.]

CHAPTER I.

RECALLS A TRAGIC CASE OF FETTERED LIFE.

When John Needham's dead body was

found on Hampstead Heath, the reasons for

his suicide were discussed and considered

sufficient to account for his death. Having,

however, regard to the fact that no complete

explanation could be arrived at as to the

disposal of the vast sums of money known

to have been in his possession, it was reported

both in Ireland and America that the

body was not his, "but one presumed to

perpetrate him, while he, during the excitement

of the supposed self-murder, effected his

escape."

The newspapers of the time (I have a file

of them before me) were full of the tragic

story, and a deceased journalist has included

the history of the case in a record of "The

Commercial Crisis of 1887-8." The

mysteries of London are many, but

none of them present more startling or dramatic

passages than those which belong to the

genuine history of the body found at

Hampstead in the summer of the 1880s, and

registered as a case of *felo-de-se* by the

Coroner of Middlesex and a sworn jury of

responsible citizens and taxpayers.

Prior to the General Election of 1847

John Needham had been known by his

fellow-townsmen as a respectable man and a

staunch Roman Catholic. Nobody suspected

him of the great capacity for figures and

politics which he eventually developed. The

clerical authorities, who had then in now,

a good deal of political power as agents,

selected him to uphold the interests of the

Pope and oppose the spirit and influence of

Lord John Russell's famous letter to Lord

Durham. He was elected a member of Parlia-

ment on these simple lines at the General

Election of 1847.

A tall, silent man, John Needham was of

pale complexion, closely shaven, had thin

brown hair, dark blue eyes, a sensitive

manner, and was fond of dress even to

womanishness. His Irish friends called him

"the top."

Although in Ireland he affected not to be

rich, it is shrewdly believed that he had

amassed a fair share of money; for, through

the influence of his late father's banking

house, and his own ability as a calculator, he

obtained the right to a share of the profits

of the bank, and when the Act for the estab-

lishment of the Encumbered Estates Commission

came into operation, his knowledge enabled

him to make very advantageous purchases.

The railway mania was also turned to some

account, and it was understood by the party

which nominated him for Parliament that he

could well afford to maintain in town a

position of dignity and independence. It

was a time when financial success, and a

reputation for it, was of especial value. Mr.

Needham knew how to advertise himself

without appearing to do so. It seemed as

if London had been waiting for him, so

quickly were his services in request among

the great financial corporations of the

city. The name of John Needham, Esq., M.P.,

was a name to conjure with. At the head

of a new bank, or a railway, it gave a

new value to the company's scrip. He

permeated the atmosphere of any institution

which he patronised with a sense of securi-

ty.

In all his engagements he was punctuality

itself. His house in Portland Place was a

model of luxurious simplicity. He gave

dinners that were the talk of epicures, not

for the elaborate character of the menu, but

for the perfection of the cooking and service,

and the excellence of the wines. Within a

year of his coming to London he was chair-

man of a great foreign railway, director

of two lines running out of London, managing

director of the Civil Credit Company, and

director of the Valley Road Iron and Colliery

Company, chairman of the Steam Shipping

Corporation, and the financial adviser of

many other equally notable undertakings.

Not alone did his Irish friends consult him

in their affairs, but English lords and bishops

and great city magistrates consulted him, and

his direction that his judgment favored.

All this gave color to the prediction of

journalistic gossip that he would one day be

elevated to the position of Her Majesty's

Chancellor of the Exchequer. There was,

however, one great barrier to his political

advancement. Not alone his religion, but

his known pledges to the Catholic party, his

championing of what was then known as

"The Irish Brigade."

But Mr. John Needham was not the man

to allow any trifles of this kind to stand in

his way. When a certain Parliamentary

whip asked him if the distinctly Protestant

Government of the day could count upon his

undivided support and service as Junior

Lord of the Treasury, Mr. Needham replied

it perfectly plain that his allegiance was

from the seat of Rome and Cardinal Wiseman

to the ultra-Protestant Premier.

To some men life is a mere game, in which

every move is open to them, and in which

they neither acknowledge the checks of

principle, nor sympathy.

"My constituents will thank me," he said,

"if I don't stand for election—a question

of principle, a disaffection, a revolt; but I

shall tell them, and it is true, that my poli-

tical hostility was against Lord John Russell,

not against the Government, and that Lord

John being no longer at the head of the

Government, the situation is changed."

"That is so," said the party which charged

in with the bidding of Mr. Needham, "but

obstacles in the future that threatened his

life, he did not fear them; they were

shadows that his rising sun would speedily

disperse. At least so he thought, and he

calculated his chances with astuteness and

experience.

A shining pair of chestnut horses clamped

their river bites at the arrival platform of

the Great Western Station. They were

pointed in the best taste; and on the box

of the handsome brougham sat two smart

servants, who were conscious of the im-

portance attached to their service by the at-

tendance of several railway officials, who had

been ordered to receive the new Lord of the

Treasury. Mr. Needham adopted the com-

pliment with an easy and satisfied air, tipped

the guard who carried his writing-case, and

slipped a guinea into the hand of the platform

inspector.

The spring sunshine seemed to follow him

with especial favour as his horses flew along

the streets to Portland Place. He flashed along

on the silver harness of the fashionable steady,

brought out in the best taste, and his coat

of the "door-pan" of his faultless

brougham, and the first breeze of summer

wafted about him, as he stepped upon the

pavement, the perfume of ten thousand

myriads from the beds of Regent's Park.

There was, however, surely one delightful

touch missing; the chromide of this his-

tory feels its absence, though possibly the

Lord of the Treasury did not. No wife,

nor child, welcomed home the victor; the

Hon. John Needham, M.P., was a bachelor.

CHAPTER II.

INTRODUCES THE READER TO "THE LIVING

IMAGE" OF JOHN NEEDHAM.

So also, I had never written, was Joseph

Norbury, of Brambling House, Wyndale,

Derbyshire. The mistake would be par-

donable, from the point of view I had in my

mind, Joseph Norbury was a widower with-

out children, and at the moment he possibly

felt more alone than even John Needham,

for he loved his wife with a good man's

devotion. John Needham had an only son,

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need not look as if you were going to cry."

He got up from the table, went round to

her chair, and kissed her. "That is a fact,"

"I don't feel myself, but I don't feel the blue

for a minute, not that I really want to do so

for that matter, but I should hate to be an

invalid, to be crawling about; that would

never do, would it, Kate?"

"Never, dear," said Kate.

"I shall come back a regular Yankee,

and you'll see, if I once cross the Atlantic, and

have a good beard and a nasal twang, and

a Republican."

Kate laughed, and Joe, drinking another

glass of wine, said, "Well, here's to America,

the land of the free!"

"But why America?" asked Dick.

"Oh, because an ex-convict has just been

suggested America. Lawyer Wood has just

written about some proper work in New York,

which, going for years without a right

to be the oldest family of that name Mr.

Wood says it must be ours, and that I ought

to go and see about it. Dr. Ware, I dare say,

has stimulated Wood's desire, and that

travel by insisting that I want change, and

I must have change, and that if I don't take

a sea voyage I shall become either a driv-

ing idiot or a nut."

Dick and Kate at last persuaded Joseph

that he could not do better than take a run

across to America, and combine a little

business with his holiday trip.

(To be continued.)

CRICKET FOR LADIES.

A new game is just coming into fashion.

It is called ladies' cricket or Victoria, and is

an adaptation of the game of cricket for

ladies to play on the lawn. The game is

like an ordinary cricket, but the materials are

lighter. The ball is like a regular cricketing

ball, but on the hitting part is attached

the usual lawn-tennis ball. The wickets are

arranged so that when the ball touches them

it will bounce back. Victoria has appeared at

the wrong end of the season, but next year

it will doubtless become popular.

A SNAKE AND RABBIT COMBAT.

The following instance of the strength of

the maternal instinct has been furnished to

us by a reliable authority, the fact being

vouched for by Mr